

Army-Hawaii community pride campaign begins

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers, family members and civilian employees on Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Army Airfield participated in a community spring cleanup, March 27-29.

Orchestrated by the 25th Infantry Division, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii and other on-post organizations, the cleanup is the

We give a lot, and we give a lot of ourselves to wear this uniform and to live in this community. We owe it to ourselves, our families and our neighbors to make Schofield Barracks-Wheeler Army Airfield the best possible community. Regardless of how long we live here, this is our Home-town — an exclusive community built through our service and sacrifice and the service and sacrifice of those who have come before us.

Ahahui is Hawaiian for bringing a group



start of an installation community campaign to take pride in its Army home.

Under the theme "Hometown Schofield-Wheeler 'AhaHui Pride," the campaign's goal is to instill a sense of ownership and responsibility in the installation. In fact, the Hawaiian word "Ahahui" means "bringing a group of people together."

To kick off the cleanup, Maj. Gen. Bernard Champoux, then-commander, 25th ID, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ray Devens Jr., senior enlisted leader, 25th ID, issued the following proclamation:

Tropic Lightning Soldiers and families,

It's time we took back our community! The Schofield Barracks-Wheeler Army Airfield community should reflect the pride we have in who we are and in what we represent.



Spc. Tiffany Dusterhoft | 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

The Hawaii Medal of Honor (above) awaits its honoree during a ceremony for surviving family members, friends and comrades at the State Capitol, March 28.

Families of the fallen are honored during ceremony

Families receive Hawaii Medal of Honor at joint legislative session

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News Release

HONOLULU — The Hawaii State Senate and Hawaii State House of Representatives convened in a special joint session to recognize military service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The event took place in

TAMC's fallen warrior honored at State Capitol

STEPHANIE BRYANT
Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

HONOLULU — Twenty-four service members who died during campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan in 2011 were honored with a Hawaii Medal of Honor at a ceremony at the State Capitol, here, March 28.

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POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA

558th MP Co.'s unique female demographic aids in missions



Female Soldiers of the 558th MP Co., 728th MP Bn., 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, lead the way as their unit moves a casualty during a mock IED scenario during the unit's CERTEX, held March 16-28, at PTA. More than a third of the company is made up of female MPs.

Story and Photo by
SPC. MARCUS FICHTL
8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs,
8th Theater Sustainment Command

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA — Sgt. Tara Shetzegor gets down in the dirt, carries her weight on her back, and leads her Soldiers into battle.

During a certification mission, here, March 16-28, the 558th Military Police Company, 728th MP Battalion, 8th MP Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, certified 21, three-person teams on their ability to work together during an improvised explosive device attack — while also maintaining a temporary checkpoint control and the effective use of an interpreter while working with local nationals.

With more than a third of the unit being fe-

male Soldiers, most teams had two women in them.

"I ... prove that I can do my job very well,"

"You have to build that working relationship."

Sgt. Tara Shetzegor
558th MP Co., 728th MP Bn.,
8th MP Bde., 8th TSC

Shetzegor said. "I also have a motherly instinct for my Soldiers and take extra pride in taking

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Hawaii Army Tax centers address common tax issues for service members

CAPT. AMY DEWITT
Hawaii Army Tax Center

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — This year's tax filing deadline is less than two weeks away; it's April 17.

Last-minute filers can get assistance at a Hawaii Army Tax Center, open to all ranks, family members and retirees.

Preparers in North and South Oahu will provide free assistance in organizing and completing 2011 income tax forms:

•The Schofield Barracks Tax Center is open on an appointment-only basis, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, through April 19, at Building 648, next to the Sgt. Smith Theater.

•The Fort Shafter Tax Center is located in the Aloha Center; hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

•For those who have been unable to file during regular business hours, the tax centers will be open for two "Panic Saturdays," 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., April 7 and April 14, on a walk-in only basis.

•After April 19, tax center hours will be limited, but will remain open through November 2012 for Soldiers who are continuing to return home from deployment.

Many filers have lots of questions about their

Tax Support

Soldiers, family members and retirees can schedule appointments for North and South Oahu by calling 655-1040.

federal and state income taxes. The following frequently asked questions and answers concern the 2011 tax season. Answers are only provided as a general guide; they are not a substitute for professional tax advice.

Q: Do I get an extension to file if I deploy?

A: Soldiers and their spouses, if filing jointly, automatically get an extension to file their federal taxes when they are deployed. The ex-

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Family saves newborn puppies.



Honoring military keiki | B-1

Month of the Military Child puts a spotlight on our heroes' heroes.

Earth Day | B-3

Celebrate the planet with exhibits, activities and live entertainment, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., April 7, at Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks.

Easter | B-4

The Army Hawaii community is invited to attend various Easter celebrations.

We want to hear from you...

The Hawaii Army Weekly welcomes articles from Army organizations, announcements from the general public about community events of interest to the military community, and letters and commentaries.

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BACKTObASICS

Discipline, uniformity are cornerstones of success

SGT. MAJ. CURTIS ARNOLD

Sergeant Major, 196th Infantry Brigade

Soldiers from the 196th Infantry Brigade are deploying to the Philippines in support of Balikatan 2012. While there, "back to basics" training could prove to be the most beneficial.

The two critical tasks to be performed, once they arrive, are to establish the Combined Army Forces headquarters and to enable joint training between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the U.S.

Prior to deploying, Soldiers attended a two-week observer-controller/trainer, or OC/T, training event known as the "Charger Academy."

The Charger Academy dates back to the 1960s when the brigade established the academy in Vietnam to train new personnel in light infantry tasks needed to survive.

A key lesson learned at the Charger Academy was the heightened awareness of the importance of discipline

and uniformity throughout the training.

"The adherence to common military standards, which needs to be maintained or exceeded, whether on or off duty, cannot be emphasized enough," said Sgt. 1st Class Jasmer Moses, 196th Inf. Bde. "This OC/T program is critical to the training success during the numerous Theater Security Cooperation Exercises the 196th Inf. Bde. participates in."

In February, the command group and staff conducted a three-day staff exercise, or STAFFEX, at the 1st Lt. Nainoa Hoe Mission Command Training Center, Schofield Barracks.

During the STAFFEX, the brigade staff exercised staff processes and refined battle drills. At the end of each day, an after-action review, or AAR, was conducted for every class and training scenario.



Arnold

"Seeing how the brigade staff will be operating during the exercise beforehand will definitely help our section to prepare (for Balikatan 2012)," said Sgt. Gerardo Ramos, 196th Inf. Bde.

"The greatest takeaway from the STAFFEX was the AAR because we will be able to take our lessons learned and build on them. I feel that we are prepared for success," Ramos said.

The 196th Inf. Bde. will be responsible for all U.S. Army personnel participating in the training events at Fort Magsaysay. Its responsibilities will include the battalion force-on-force field training exercise, casualty evacuation, close air support and explosive ordnance disposal.

Given the scope of responsibility for the 196th Inf. Bde. during Balikatan 2012 "back to basics" training for the headquarters staff is critical, Ramos said.

Taxes: 2011 federal and state filing season wraps up April 17

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tension equals 180 days plus the number of days left in the filing season when the Soldier entered the combat zone.

The "filing season" is the period from Jan. 1-April when the return is due.

Q: Does my spouse need to do anything for the combat extension to be effective?

A: No. Nothing needs to be filed. If you receive any mail from the IRS, your spouse can write "COMBAT ZONE" across the top and mail it back to the IRS.

You or your spouse can notify the IRS that you are deployed by emailing the Soldier's name, date of birth, home address and date of deployment to combatzone@irs.gov.

Do not include any social security numbers.

Q: I am expecting a large refund and want my taxes filed while I am deployed. What are my options?

A: If you have all of your documents (W-2s, 1098s, 1099s, etc.), you can file before you go. Usually these documents are available by the end of January. If you have not received them, yet, contact your employers, banks, schools, mortgage lenders, etc., and ask them to send them to you.

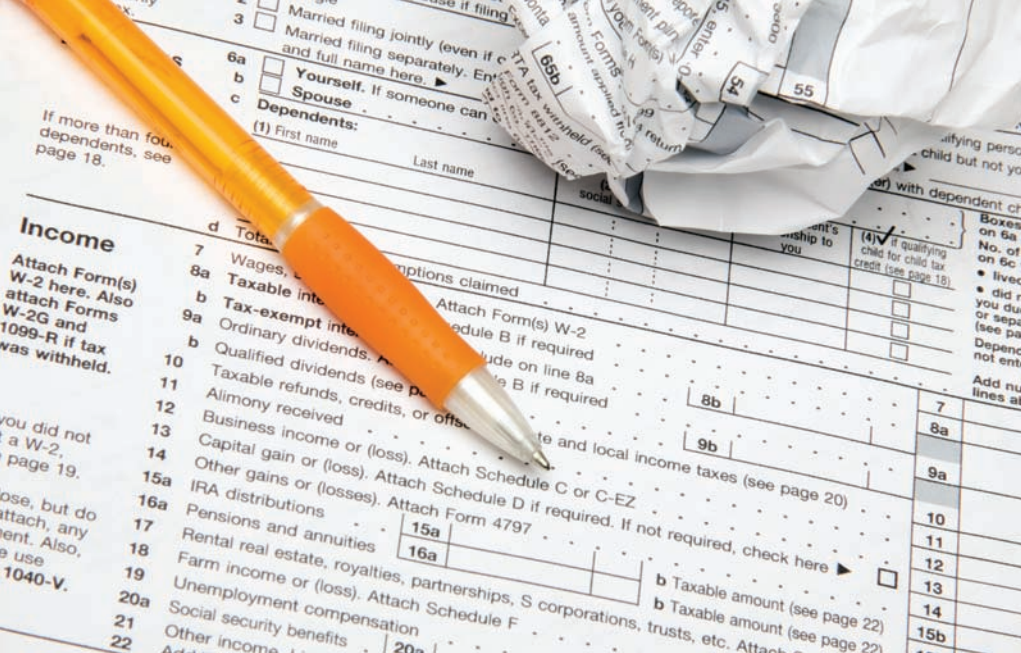
If you are not yet ready to file, you can appoint a power of attorney to file your taxes on your behalf. If you do so, make sure that you trust the person (even if it is your spouse) to make the right decisions — particularly regarding the bank account to which the refund will be sent.

You can get a notarized special power of attorney that specifically references tax preparation and filing, or complete IRS Form 2848, Power of Attorney or Declaration of Representative, which does not require a notary and can be downloaded directly from www.irs.gov.

You can also wait until you return from deployment. If you return after the tax center has closed for the season, you may make an appointment to have your taxes prepared through the Legal Assistance Office by calling 655-8607.

Q: How is domicile determined for state tax purposes?

A: It is a combination of physical presence in a state and the intent to permanently reside in a state. You cannot claim the domicile of your spouse just because



For a complete listing of what tax documents to bring to the Hawaii Army Tax Centers, visit www.facebook.com and search for "Hawaii Army Tax Centers." The deadline to file 2011 state and federal income taxes is April 17.

you are married; you must personally meet the physical presence and intent tests.

Factors to consider include the state on the Soldier's DD Form 2058 (State of Legal Residence Certificate), where you are registered to vote, where you have a driver's license, where you own property, etc.

In short, you cannot claim a state if you have never been physically present in the state, and you should maintain as many ties as possible to the state that you do claim.

Q: What if I claim a state that I have never lived in?

A: Before changing your state of domicile, Soldiers are cautioned to consider the impacts of falsely claiming a state as the state of domicile. States with no income tax are attractive to many Soldiers, and we have many large military bases in some of those states, including Alaska and Texas.

If a Soldier claims one of those states without having been physically present in the state and without having the intent to permanently reside in that state,

he/she could face fines, penalties, and civil or criminal charges from either his/her true domiciliary state or the state falsely claimed.

Make sure you meet the physical presence and intent tests before making tax changes.

Q: What is the Military Spouse Residency Relief Act?

A: Under the Military Spouse Residency Relief Act, or MSRR, spouses may claim the same domicile (home of record and/or state of residence for tax purposes) as the Soldier, provided certain conditions are met.

In general, the spouse must have had the same state of domicile as the Soldier, prior to the permanent change of station move. Each state has its own procedures for claiming protection under the MSRR. Often, the spouse will be able to enjoy the refund of all state tax withheld by the nonresident state he/she worked in and was merely present in because of his/her spouse's military orders.

FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

The resurrection of the Lord is more than just a one-time event

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) TERRELL L. BYRD

225th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Bde. Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division

One of the great themes of the Easter season is that Christians around the world will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Christian community around the world will celebrate the triumphant victory that was won at the cross and in his empty tomb. However, after the celebration is over, many will return to their daily lives.

Unfortunately, after the worship services have ended and families have gone home, many people will continue to visit the tombs of their lives. Like the women who came to dress the body of their savior and who believed he was still in the tomb, people will continue to revisit the dead parts of their lives.

The Scripture notes the question of the angels, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" So often that is the situation that we find ourselves. We are looking for signs of life among dead things.

In fact, the real issue is that our fear continues to

drive us to the graveyard of despair. Broken relationships, dreams, goals and visions are constantly revisited so that we may anoint them with the oil of regret, in hope that the fragrance will make the loss smell better. Yet, we are challenged with the thought that when we do this, we are looking for signs of life so that we can find hope.

The power of the story is that the angels ask the big question. Why look for living things in a dead space? Perhaps what we are pointed to is, it is time to take a second look and realize that the graveyard is full of potential that did not come to fruition.

The women who came to the tomb were pointed to a different reality. The savior was not there; he had done what he said.

Therefore, the challenge was to live and tell the story. They were going to find hope in a different place. This place is the place of the living. If we continue to look for signs of life in dead things, then we will never come to the point of knowing that we can live again.

Our dreams are not dead. They are awaiting new

energy. Relationships are not lost. They are waiting for new life. Hope is not departed. It is waiting to be discovered with the energy of our imagination. In essence, our lives are looking for resurrection.

The resurrection is more than just a one-time event that is celebrated in the history of Christianity; it is the continuous and abiding power of the eternal calling us to live better, dream bigger and seek for more.

Where we are in our lives is not where we have to stay. The same power that raised Christ from the tomb has the power to resurrect those valuable things that we have labeled as deceased. We are challenged to live in the power of God and discover that we have been given the energy to live, not just exist.

The life that we are being called to is the creative energy that spoke the world into existence. This Easter, we must all speak with a clear and resolute voice that is determined to tell those things we still believe to come forth. God is not done with us as long as with have life, health and strength.

Live in the power of God and be infused with the power to not relive the disappointments of yesterday, but see the great morning that exists fresh and new.



"Doom or Duke Nukem, because that's what all the cool kids played."

Spc. Shawn Finny
8th TSC



"Commandos, because I liked playing them with my cousin. It was a way to bond with him."

Staff Sgt. Brian Harper
45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC



"My best friend and I would ride our bikes and play C.H.I.P.S., because it was an awesome TV show."

Paul Herchig
8th TSC



"Basketball, because I ruled the court."

Staff Sgt. Brian Hout
8th TSC



"Hide and go seek, because it was fun."

Sgt. J.W. Jonerson
8th MP Bde., 8th TSC

Voices of Ohana

"What was your favorite game to play as a kid?"

Photos by 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

3rd BCT comes home just in time for Easter

3RD BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM,
25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Public Affairs Office

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — The last main body flight of Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team “Bronco Brigade,” 25th Infantry Division, will return, 11 a.m., April 8, here.

This last main body flight, scheduled to arrive Easter Sunday, will also carry Col. Richard Kim, commander, 3rd BCT, and Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano, senior enlisted leader, 3rd BCT.

The Bronco Bde. spent the last year in the eastern region of Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During the deployment, Soldiers conducted counterinsurgency operations in some of the most deadly provinces in Afghanistan, to include the highly kinetic Kunar province, home to the Pech River Valley.

They have seen many victories and made a distinguishable difference during their time serving the Afghan people.

Flight arrival and ceremony times are subject to change.

For updated information about the ceremony, visit www.25idl.army.mil.

TRANSFERRING AUTHORITY



Photos by Sgt. Trey Harvey | Joint Combat Camera-Afghanistan

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HUGHIE — Lt. Col. Douglas Jones (right), commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jon Stanley (left), senior enlisted leader, both of 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Bde. Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, case the colors during unit’s transfer of authority ceremony, here, March 24. The 3rd BSTB transferred authority over to 4th BSTB, 4th BCT, 4th Inf. Div.



Col. Richard Kim, commander, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, speaks to incoming and outgoing leaders during the 3rd BSTB, 3rd BCT, transfer of authority ceremony.



Col. Richard Kim (left), commander, 3rd BCT, awards Command Sgt. Maj. Jon Stanley, senior enlisted leader, 3rd BSTB, 3rd BCT, the Bronze Star Medal during the unit’s transfer of authority ceremony, March 24.



Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano (right), senior enlisted leader, 3rd BCT, shakes hands with Command Sgt. Maj. Jon Stanley, senior enlisted leader, 3rd BSTB, 3rd BCT, after he receives the Order of Saint Maurice Medal during the unit’s transfer of authority ceremony.

MOH: Special session pays homage

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the House Chambers, here, March 28. The families of 24 fallen service members received the Hawaii Medal of Honor on behalf of their loved ones.

In 2005, the Legislature passed House Bill 8, which created the Hawaii Medal of Honor. This special medal is awarded on behalf of the people of the State of Hawaii to an individual who was killed in action while serving our country as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Recipients of the medal include members of the armed forces, the Reserves and the Hawaii National Guard, who were residents of the state of Hawaii, attended an educational institution in Hawaii or were stationed in Hawaii.

“The effort to identify those eligible for the medal has taken many months,” said Rep. K. Mark Takai. “Working with all the branches of the military, we worked extremely hard to identify each service member who sacrificed their lives.”

The primary next of kin and their families were invited to attend.

“In offering the Hawaii Medal of Honor to those who will gather here, in memory of those who have fallen, we recognize that they are part of us ... part of our ohana,” Takai said. “The medal guarantees that they will never be forgotten. I hope that the children of these heroes will one day appreciate the sacrifices that their fathers and their mothers made on behalf of us all of us.”

Hawaii Medal of Honor 2012 Army Recipients

As of December 31, 2011, Hawaii has lost 308 service members with Hawaii ties.

3rd BCT, 25th ID

- Pfc. Thomas Allers, 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. Regt.
- Staff Sgt. Joseph Altmann, 2-27th Inf.
- Spc. William Blevins, 2-27th Inf.
- Staff Sgt. James Christen, 2-27th Inf.
- 1st Lt. Dimitri Del Castillo, 2-35th Inf.
- Spc. Kevin Hilaman, 2-35th Inf.
- Pfc. Joshua Jetton, 2-27th Inf.
- Staff Sgt. Nigel Kelly, 3rd STB
- Pfc. Andrew Krippner, 2-27th Inf.
- Staff Sgt. Kristofferson Lorenzo, 2-27th Inf.
- Sgt. Jacob Molina, 2nd Bn., 27th Inf.
- Sgt. Christopher Muniz, 3rd BSTB
- Spc. Levi Nuncio, 2-35th Inf. Regt.
- Sgt. William Gross Paniagua, 3rd STB
- Sgt. 1st Class Houston Taylor, 2-27th Inf.
- Sgt. Kevin White, 2-35th Inf.
- Spc. Ronald Wildrick, 2-35th Inf.

TAMC

Staff Sgt. Christopher Newman, Med. Co. A.

8th TSC

Staff Sgt. Mark Wells, 706rd EOD Co., 303rd EOD Bn., 45th Sust. Bde.
Cpl. Andrew Wilfahrt, 552nd MP Co., 728th MP Bn., 8th MP Bde.

Unit Abbreviation Key:

- BCT- Brigade Combat Team
- Bde.- Brigade
- Bn.- Battalion
- Co.- Company
- EOD- Explosive Ordnance Disposal
- ID- Infantry Division
- Inf. Regt.- Infantry Regiment
- MP- Military Police
- STB- Special Troops Battalion
- Sust.- Sustainment
- TAMC- Tripler Army Medical Center
- TSC- Theater Sustainment Command

MP: Females play vital role in unit

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care of them.”

According to Capt. Brian Reynolds, commander, 558th MP Co., the requirements the unit demands of its Soldiers does not differ by gender.

“You have to build that working relationship,” Shetzegor said. “You have to build trust in your team. But once they learn Sgt. “S” has done this, and she knows what she’s talking about, the team clicks.”

But being a female in an MP unit doesn’t stop at providing a unique leadership style; gender provides enhanced unit capabilities downrange.

“One of the main things females get tasked for is female searches. The cavalry unit I was attached to during deployment

wanted us to accompany them into the village,” Shetzegor said. “While our male MP counterparts pulled security, we worked with the scouts kicking in doors and searching the village.”

Ultimately, what goes beyond gender is the sense of togetherness the unit built while at PTA.

“For many of the Soldiers this was their first time away from home,” Shetzegor said. “When we got here, we were a mess, but by pack-out, we learned our personalities and our roles in the ‘Wolf Pack.’”

While the nation continues the debate over a female’s role in combat, the male and female Soldiers of the 558th MP Co. concern themselves with accomplishing the mission and using every tool they have at their disposal.

USARPAC gets a look at Army’s new radio systems

Joint Program Executive Office demonstrates latest tool in communication

U.S. ARMY-PACIFIC
Public Affairs Office

FORT SHAFTER FLATS — Two new radio systems were demonstrated, here, March 22.

The Joint Program Executive Office for the Joint Tactical Radio System gave demonstrations on two systems, the Handheld Manpack and the Rifleman Radio, here, March 22.

“I want everyone to understand that this is very real,” said Brig. Gen. Michael Williamson, Joint Program Executive Office for the Joint Tactical Radio System.

“What you have is advanced networking waveforms (radio systems) and some very sophisticated hardware bringing new capabilities to our warfighters,” Williamson said.

Col. Raymond Jones, assistant program manager, Joint Tactical Radio System, gave a presentation before the live demonstration of the radio systems.

During the first part of the demonstration, Lt. Col. Mark Stiner, product manager, Joint Program Executive Office, divided attendees into two simu-

lated groups to get hands-on experience.

“Every Rifleman Radio is a relay, voice and data network. This is the first acquisition program designed to give every Soldier in formation a radio,” Stiner said.

The Rifleman radios act as relays by allowing two radios that are not in the line of sight to communicate, Stiner said.

Also, Rifleman radios will use Bluetooth capabilities to visually locate all users connected to the network.

“The technology will be welcomed by units that maneuver, and it cuts down on relaying info,” said Mary Dixon, communications planner, U.S. Army-Pacific.

Next, Stiner covered the Manpack Radio and how it expands the capabilities of the Rifleman Radio.

The Manpack Radio connects with legacy and network radios (multiple communication systems) on one channel; the other channel can connects with the Rifleman Radio, Stiner said.

The systems have mounted and dismounted capabilities.

“I like the capability to bridge two systems and beyond line-of-sight



Courtesy Photo

Mary Dixon and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Fernando Perez, both from USARPAC G6, view a smartphone display during the Joint Program Executive Office for the Joint Tactical Radio System’s demonstrations on the Handheld Manpack and Rifleman Radio, March 22, at Fort Shafter Flats.

communications,” Dixon said.

Williamson’s team demonstrated how to connect from Fort Shafter Flats to Fort Shafter by sending his staff members over with a Manpack Radio to Fort Shafter.

The movement was tracked via smartphone.

Within minutes, a connection was made with the Rifleman radios located in the housing area, here, and they instantly became part of the network.

Stiner also demonstrated the Manpack’s satellite capability.

Using the Rifleman Radio, Stiner

had his Manpack connect to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, via satellite.

“It is very exciting seeing the technologies we talked about 13 years ago,” said Marine Maj. Steve Monsour, MCBH. “I am also impressed with the ease of operation.”

News Briefs

Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Today

Voting Assistance — Visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program website at www.FVAP.gov for help with absentee voting.

Call the FVAP at (703) 588-1584; (800) 438-VOTE (8683); or email vote@fvap.gov.

Voting materials are available from the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Records Holding Area/Forms Center, Building 6042, 1976 Higgins Rd., East Range, Schofield Barracks, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. Call 656-0334.

19 / Thursday

TARP Training — The Threat Awareness and Reporting Program, or TARP training, is held every Thursday at 9 a.m. Training sessions in April follow:

- April 12, Kaiser Auditorium,

Tripler Army Medical Center.

- April 19, Main Post Conference Room, Schofield Barracks.

- April 26, Main Auditorium, Camp Smith.

Call 655-1306/9501.

28 / Saturday

National Take Back Day — Turn in unused or expired medication for safe, anonymous disposal on National Take Back Initiative Day, April 28.

The military community – Soldiers, family members and civilians – can dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs at three locations, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.:

- Exchange (inside, near the flower shop), Schofield Barracks
- Marine Corps Exchange (front), Kaneohe Bay.
- Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Exchange (main lobby).

The off-post population can also participate in National Prescription Take Back Day at four locations on Oahu, also from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.:

- Mililani Town Center (middle of Center), 95-1249 Meheula Pkwy.
- Hawaii State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St., Honolulu.

- Kapolei Police Station (parking lot), 1100 Kamokila Blvd.

- Windward Mall (center court area), 46-056 Kamehameha Hwy, Kaneohe.

Call 541-1930 or visit www.dea.gov.

May

19 / Saturday

Living History Day — This event is 10 a.m.-3 p.m., May 19, U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii, Fort DeRussy, in Waikiki, to commemorate Armed Forces Day.

Events include military memorabilia; re-enactors in period uniforms from the Civil War, the Spanish-American War to Vietnam; and hands-on displays of military artifacts.

Parking is available across the street from the museum. Call 438-2822 or email judith.a.bowman.civ@mail.mil.

Ongoing

CID Special Agents — The U.S. Army’s Criminal Investigation Command is seeking qualified, high-caliber Soldiers to become CID special agents. Recruiting briefings are held 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the Hawaii CID Office, Building 3026, Schofield Barracks, just inside of Lyman Gate.

Visit www.cid.army.mil, email jose.f.perez@us.army.mil, or call 655-0541/1991.

Ohana Clinic — Tripler Army Medical Center’s Warrior

Ohana Medical Home is accepting enrollment. The center is a full-service, primary care clinic and is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, at 91-1010 Shangrila St., Ste. 100, in Kalaeloa. Call 433-5401/5402.

Tax Centers — This year’s tax filing deadline is April 17.

The Schofield Barracks Tax Center is open on an appointment-only basis, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, through April 19, at Building 648, next to the Sgt. Smith Theater.

The Fort Shafter Tax Center is located in the Aloha Center; hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Soldiers, family members and retirees can schedule their appointments for either location by calling 655-1040.

For those who have been unable to file during regular business hours, the tax centers will be open for two “Panic Saturdays,” 9 a.m.-2 p.m., April 7 and April 14, on a walk-in only basis.

After April 19, tax center hours will be limited, but will remain open through November for Soldiers who are continuing to return home from deployment.

USAG-HI Website — The USAG-HI website is now located at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil

The old site is no longer in use and contains old and outdated information.

Call Lacey Justinger, USAG-HI, Public Affairs Office, at 656-3153.

9th MSC specialist comes to the rescue of newborn pups

Abandoned day-old puppies get second chance at life

Story and Photo by
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MAKAHA — Beefy, Creamy, Flash, Mr. Henry, Snoopy and Stumpy owe their lives to Spc. Erik Lowe, 9th Mission Support Command, and his wife, Martina.

During a routine morning run by his home, here, Jan. 29, a faint whimpering in nearby bushes brought Erik Lowe to a halt.

From the distance, he thought the whimpering was a couple of cats. However, nothing could have prepared him for what he and his wife were about to see: 14 newborn puppies covered in bugs, fleas and blood.

Six were lying motionless in a plastic bag and eight more were placed around the bag. After securing his own dog, Chico, the Lowe’s wrapped the day-old puppies in a blanket and rushed them to the nearby Waianae Veterinary Clinic.

Two died within the first 24 hours, and with round-the-clock bottle-feeding, constant attention and love, the Lowe’s nursed six back to life.

Of the surviving six Labrador retriever-German pointer mix pups, four have found loving homes, but Flash and Beefy are still up for adoption.

“Since these puppies were hand raised, they need to go to someone who has time for them,” Martina said, adding that all the puppies are up-to-date on all their shots. “We do not want these dogs to end up

chained-up outside in someone’s yard, be used for hunting or fighting. They are family dogs.”

Now nine-weeks old, one would never guess these pups had a brush with death.

“I don’t know what kind of person could just throw a living creature away,” Erik said. “It was a lot of work to get them where they are today, but I would do it again in a heartbeat.”

Adoption

To adopt a puppy call the Lowe’s at 888-3800.

To read more about the Lowe’s puppy rescue, visit

• <http://lowepuppyrescue.blogspot.com>.



Martina Lowe and Spc. Erik Lowe, 9th MSC pose with their four-legged family members they nursed back to health, after discovering them in bushes near their Makaha home, Jan. 29.

April is Animal Cruelty Prevention Month

Having a pet is a lifetime commitment and pets are not disposable.

According to U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s policy memorandum, “Discipline, Law and Order,” it is illegal to abandon animals on military installations.

Furthermore, Hawaii state law (143-2.6) on animal desertion states, “It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal or any person in possession of an animal that belongs to another person to leave the animal without the intention of returning to it. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.”

The Defense Department is seeking greater authority from the president to prosecute service members who abandon their pets — a perennial problem within the transient military community.

The Pentagon wants to broaden its current animal cruelty policy to include abandonment and to cover pets.

Troops already can be charged with “dereliction of duty” and “conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline” for abandoning or physically harming their family pets. Efforts are underway to make animal cruelty, including dumping and abandonment, a specific Uniform Code of Military Justice offense.

President Barack Obama is expected to rule on the Pentagon’s request this spring.

(Editor’s Note: Information compiled from www.stripes.com.)



Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Christopher Newman, behavioral health specialist, Department of Psychology, TAMC, was killed when his convoy was struck by an IED in Afghanistan, Oct. 29, 2011. Newman, along with 23 other service members who deployed from Hawaii and died in 2011, was honored with a Hawaii Medal of Honor during a ceremony at the State Capitol, March 28.

TAMC: Fellow comrades show support for fallen

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Among the honorees was Staff Sgt. Christopher Newman, behavioral health specialist, Department of Psychology, Tripler Army Medical Center, who was killed when his convoy was struck by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan, Oct. 29, 2011.

Rep. Calvin K.Y. Say, House Speaker for the Hawaii House of Representatives, gave opening remarks for the ceremony and welcomed families and military units as they honored the fallen warriors.

“We truly mourn your loss,” Say said. “Every one of us owes you a great debt, one that we can never fully repay.”

Governor Neil Abercrombie, who presided over the ceremony, spoke of the great character of the warriors.

“Those who we honor and acknowledge today are those who are rich in character,” Abercrombie said.

Accompanying Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher, commander, Pacific Regional Medical Command and TAMC, were several members of Tripler’s Troop Command, who attended the event in support of Newman.

“I was very, very impressed with the ceremony and really touched by the effort they put in to honoring the Soldiers and their families,” said Sgt. 1st Class Russell Lane, behavioral health noncommissioned officer in charge, PRMC, and Newman’s former NCO. “I was not aware they gave out awards like this.

“Just knowing him the way I did, and that he sacrificed his life for something he believed in, I know that he would have been really proud, surprised and happy to see the amount (of) accolades,” Lane continued.

“It is a great feeling to know that my state and my country honor (our fallen warriors) this way,” Lane added.

Women’s History Month observance celebrates progress

U.S. ARMY-PACIFIC
Public Affairs Office

FORT SHAFTER — A Women’s History Month observance was held, here, March 28, with the theme “Women’s Education – Women’s Empowerment.”

Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army-Pacific, sponsored the event.

During the observance, Command Sgt. Maj. Mary Brown, HHBN, USARPAC, read from President Barack Obama’s presidential proclamation.

“As Americans, ours is a legacy of bold independence and passionate belief in fairness and justice for all,” the proclamation said. “For generations, this intrepid spirit has driven women pioneers to challenge injustices and shatter ceilings in pursuit of full and enduring equality.

“During Women's History Month, we commemorate their struggles, celebrate centuries of progress and reaffirm our steadfast commitment to the rights, security and dignity of women in America and around the world,” the proclamation continued.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Carolyn Taylor, legal

administrator, 25th Infantry Division, and keynote speaker, urged those in attendance to make an investment, to be more marketable and to be more competitive.

The military can be compared to a large corporation, Taylor explained. She said marketability sets anyone apart from his or her peers.

Pursuing education will make anyone more competitive and help give her the edge needed, she said.

“There are women who have gone before us in the battle and fought to ensure we have access to equality in education,” Taylor said, emphasizing higher education.

She asked two questions: Will you settle for being a laborer or be part of the management team? Will you work for someone or have others work for you?

Taylor also reminded attendees, “Whatever investment you make in your education will be the foundation for the rest of your life.”

In keeping with the education theme of the observance, representatives from five universities were present to answer questions and interact with the audience.



Courtesy Photo

Sgt. 1st Class Elizabeth Lopez (left), USARPAC, meets with Mary Papillion, military liaison with Ashford University, located in Clinton, Iowa, during the Women’s History Month observance, March 28.



Courtesy Photo | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

The sacrifices that military keiki make are honored during the Month of the Military Child. To celebrate the month, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is sponsoring a bowling contest at the bowling centers at Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Army Airfield. For details, see MWR Briefs on B-2.

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

Month of the Military Child is a time to thank our heroes’ heroes

WILLIAM BRADNER

Installation Management Command
Public Affairs

It’s the preschool child who, without being asked, passes his dessert to his little sister, simply because she looks sad. It’s the second-grader who bravely puts a picture of her father at the head of the table for her birthday party, and the fifth-grade siblings who donate all their earnings from their lemonade stand to the USO, which both their parents passed through on the way to Iraq.

It’s the junior high band member who asks if the spring concert can be dedicated to our deployed service members, and it’s the high school cheerleader who organizes a “care package” drive.

It’s the college graduate who clings just a little longer to her father, wishing that her mother was at the commencement ceremony, instead of in Afghanistan.

These are our military children, our

nation’s heroes.

With so much media attention focused on Soldiers returning from war, and the sacrifices they’ve made for our freedom, we don’t want to overlook the youth who quietly support them in the background.

Approximately two million children have experienced the deployment of one or both of their parents in the last ten years.

They brave their own battlefields. They rely on an inner strength to face each day. They swallow their fears and disappointment because they know that their Soldier-parent is doing something important.

They inspire us with their resiliency.

It’s hard for the average American to fathom how well our children cope. How those who are old enough to understand dread an unexpected knock on the door. How much joy they feel when their uniformed parent steps off the airplane in a sea of red, white and blue, like the Soldier on the battlefield who pushes forward because he has to. They, too,

push forward, counting the days and hours until the end of the deployment.

Our military children are heroes. Let’s not let them be unsung heroes.

Military installations around the world have celebrated the Month of the Military Child each April since 1986. Communities are hosting fairs, youth centers are sponsoring special events and garrisons around the world are taking a little time this month to honor military kids to thank them for their service.

It’s a relatively common sight today to see a stranger say “thanks for your service” to a service member in uniform. This month, take it a step further.

Take a moment to thank the child holding his or her hand.

Their heroism deserves our gratitude.



Purple Up! recognizes military kids, April 13

WILLIAM BRADNER

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Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — A small, grass-roots program developed by the Operation: Military Kids, or OMK, program in New Hampshire invites you to do your part by simply wearing something purple.

April 13 is the second annual “Purple Up! For Military Kids” Day, when New Hampshire OMK participants are asking everyone to wear something purple as a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices.

Initially, a statewide initiative, the idea has gone viral, and now more than 38 of the 48 state-level OMK programs are helping to spread the word. Hawaii

OMK is supporting the initiative and asks everyone in Hawaii to wear purple, April 13, as a visible way to salute and thank military children for the important role they play in the community.

Purple symbolizes all branches of the military. It’s a combination of Army green, Coast Guard, Navy and Air Force blue and Marine red. The word “purple” is often used as slang in the military to indicate a joint-service operation.

It may not be as recognizable as a red or yellow ribbon, yet, but with the military community’s support it could be.

How amazing would it be for the son or daughter of a deployed Soldier to wade through a sea of purple on the way to class? How uplifting would it be for service members or their spouses to know at a glance that everyone on post, or in the community, is thinking about their children? In keeping with April’s “Month of the Military Child” — a time

to recognize military children and youth for their heroism, character, courage, sacrifices and continued resilience — Purple Up! is another way to say thank you to our resilient military children.

OMK’s Purple Up!

OMK is the Army’s collaborative effort with America’s communities to support children and youth of National Guard, Reserve and active duty families impacted by overseas contingencies. Hawaii OMK is part of the 4-H Youth Development program of the University of Hawaii Cooperative Extension.

•Learn more about OMK’s Purple Up! For Military Kids movement by calling 956-4125 or email omk@ctahr.hawaii.edu.

•For general inquiries about OMK, visit www.operationmilitarykids.org.



Soldiers sign proclamations during the SAAM and CAPM proclamation signings, held in the Schofield Barracks Main Post Conference Room, March 30.

Sexual assaults and child abuse have no place in the our community

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Sexual assaults and child abuse are deplorable crimes that bring shame to the military community.

During proclamation signings for both Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention months, in the Main Post Conference Room, here, March 30, Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, addressed how these crimes have both an immediate and long-lasting impact on victims and the Army’s mission readiness.

“These crimes deprive victims of dignity and respect,” he said to the standing room only crowd. “Not only are they against the law, they go against what it means to be a Soldier and to serve.”

The proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month, or CAPM, with its theme of “It’s no secret ... everyone can help. Keep Army children safe and healthy,” encourages community support and participation.

The truth is, child abuse happens and has a profound effect on its victims. It affects the child, the family, the Soldier, the community and the mission.

Child abuse must stop. The second proclamation designates April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, or SAAM, throughout USAG-HI. The signing is aligned with the

Family Advocacy Program

Call the FAP at 655-0669 to learn how you can help prevent child abuse and sexual assaults.

To report a sexual assault, call the 24/7 Safeline hotline at 624-SAFE (7233).

Department of the Army’s “I A.M. Strong” prevention campaign, and supports the month’s theme, “Achieving cultural change through dignity and respect. I am the force behind the fight.”

Following the reading of both proclamations, Mulbury signed both proclamations and reaffirmed the installation’s awareness, support and prevention of child abuse and sexual assaults.

Following up on last year’s successful use of CAPM quilts in building awareness, this year’s ceremony included an unveiling of the SAAM quilt handmade by ACS volunteer Ana Despault.

The quilt, made of denim and decorated by community members, honors survivors of sexual assault.

Depault also created the CAPM, which was decorated by military keiki.

Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month Activities

- “PT in the Gym:” 6:30-7:30 a.m., April 24, Fort Shafter Gym.
- Blue Mondays: Wear blue every Monday in April to support CAPM.
- Denim Fridays: Wear denim every Friday in April to support SAAM.
- Food Drive: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., April 16, Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter commissaries.
- Teddy Bear Drive: Drop off gently used stuffed animals at any Army Child Development Center. The big event is 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 14, Pearlridge Mall.
- 25th ID SAAM Toiletry Drive: April 16-20, ACS, Building 2091, Schofield Barracks,





Today

Month of the Military Child — Through April, patrons 18 years of age and younger can show their military ID at Schofield Barracks and WAAF bowling centers when buying games to win one hour of free bowling on one lane for the winner and up to six friends. Offer includes shoe rental. The winner will be notified at the end of April, and is limited to one entry per visit. Call 655-0573.

Friday Night Entertainment Series — See new acts at 8 p.m. each Friday at Kolekole Bar and Grill at Schofield Barracks. Call 655-4466.

Pool & Pong Tournament — Is pool or ping pong your thing? Show us what you got at 6 p.m., April 6, Tropics Warrior Zone, Schofield Barracks. To sign up, call 655-5698.

7 / Saturday

Fun Fest and Earth Day — Event is 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., April 7, Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks. Keiki can start the day with the Enchanted Character Breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m.

Buy breakfast tickets at the Leisure Travel Office or by calling 655-9971. Breakfast box includes an egg and cheese biscuit, fruit, Danish, juice, mask and bubbles (while supplies last).

Fun Fest activities include entertainment performances by School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration, and Skills, or SKIES Unlimited; games; rides; inflatables; and pictures with the Easter bunny. Call 655-0115.

Swim Classes Cancelled — Due to cancellation of “Learn to Swim” classes for March, there will be no Learn to Swim class registration on April 7-8. Students who registered for the March classes will be carried over to the session scheduled in April. The next scheduled registration for Learn to Swim classes is 9:30 a.m., May 5-6 at Richardson Pool, until filled. Call 655-1128. Visit himwr.com to see all Learn to Swim class sessions.

Ladies Golf Clinic — Leilehua Golf Course holds a free ladies golf clinic, 1:30-3 p.m., every first Saturday of the month. Call 655-4653.

9 / Monday

Free Hula Classes — The Native Hawaiian Liaison Office, USAG-



Clarence De Lude | Solomon Elementary School

Samantha Bartholow (right), teacher, Solomon Elementary School, Schofield Barracks, assists Kimberly Gallo, student, during the school’s “Spring into Learning” event. Students had the option of practicing new math and learning skills during spring break. They could also try out new computer programs. The event was so successful that the school has added a Saturday Learning School so students can continue independent study during the weekend.

Students ‘spring’ into learning

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICE; DIRECTORATE OF FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION; U.S. ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — A group of 30 Solomon Elementary School students spent their spring break learning new math and reading skills instead of spending time at the beach or hanging with friends.

The five-day event was called “Spring into Learning.” “These students used their own free time to come to a free tutoring intersession,” said Clarence De Lude, assistant principal, Solomon Elementary School, and one of the

organizers of the event.

De Lude added that, along with personal tutoring in reading and math, the students enhanced their individual learning by using computer programs, such as Education City and Symphony Math.

The first day of the program, students engaged in team-building activities to learn about one another. They also set personal goals for themselves by choosing a future career field.

With a motto of “choose your career before it chooses you,” students identified what type of work they would like to do as adults.

If the constant enthusiasm and laughter were of any indication, the special week did not last long

enough.

“It was so awesome,” said Rodney Page, student. “It gives you a lot of extra time to learn and be with new friends.

Teachers Samantha Bartholow and Deanna Yoshimura said the students had a great time learning and interacting on computers and with each other, and we had a great time being able to work with students in the upper grade levels.

De Lude said that the school has added a Saturday Learning School so students can keep pursuing their independent learning goals on the weekends.

The school’s goal is to pass the upcoming Hawaii State Assessment Exams.

HI, conducts free hula classes for Soldiers and families. Beginner classes are 5-6 p.m.; advanced classes are 6-7 p.m. Call 655-9694 or email nhliaison@gmail.com. Class dates follow:

- Mondays, Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks.
- Tuesdays, AMR Community Center.

10 / Tuesday

ACS Classes — Dates, times and locations of upcoming events follow:

- Financial Readiness Program actions (other than Army Emergen-

cy Relief Loans). A financial counselor will be available at the Fort Shafter ACS Office, Room 111, every Tuesday until further notice. Make an appointment by calling 438-9285.

•Survivor Outreach Services, 5-8:30 p.m., April 10, Fort Shafter Aloha Center, Room 104, Building 330, Survivor Support Group meeting for all survivors and battle buddies. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. Call 438-9285.

11 / Wednesday

Pajama Storytime — Children

of all ages are invited to the Sgt. Yano Library in their PJs and enjoy bedtime stories. “Celebrate National Library Week,” April 11, 6:30-7 p.m. Call 655-8002.

Afterschool at Sgt. Yano Library — Elementary age children (ages 6 and up) are invited to celebrate National Library Week with stories, April 11, 3-3:45 p.m.

Autism Support Group — This group will meet, 6:15-7:30 p.m., April 11, Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-4227.

community Calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Today

Surf and Turf 5K — Register now for this event, 6:30 a.m., April 14, that starts at the Officer’s Club on Marine Corps Base, Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Route includes the Klipper Golf Course and North Beach. Open to the public. Cost is \$25; late fees apply if registering after April 6. Register at www.mccshawaii.com/cgft.shtml by 4:30 p.m., April 11.

Ford Island Bridge Run — Entry fee is \$30 for this annual 10K run and will be accepted until April 6. This run around historic Ford Island starts at 7 a.m., April 7, at the entrance to Clarey Bridge, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Call 473-2437.

13 / Friday

Hui O Na Wahine Luncheon — RSVP by April 13 for this all-ranks army spouses club educational luncheon, happening 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., April 19, at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. A speaker from the USAG-HI Native Hawaiian Liaison Office

will discuss the land and culture of Hawaii. Also, lei making will be taught. The event costs \$15 and includes lunch.

Hui O Na Wahine members with last names beginning with A-L should email huireservationsal@gmail.com; members with last names M-Z email should email huireservationsmz@gmail.com.

Spouses must be 2011-2012 members of the Hui to attend the luncheon. For membership information, email huionawahine@gmail.com or visit www.schofieldspouses.com.

Ongoing

Food for Families — The Armed Services YMCA at WAAF has an emergency food locker that assists military families who are experiencing financial difficulty. Available are supplies of canned goods, frozen food, dry goods and personal care items. Call 624-5645.

RAP Meeting — Get involved in your community by attending your community’s Resident Advisory Panel. IPC residents can develop and strengthen their relationships with property management and fellow residents through the RAP. Contact your community manager for details and volunteer opportunities. Visit www.IslandPalmCommunities.com.

Operation Kid Comfort — This local quilting group creates comfort quilts and pillows for children of deployed service members. Call 473-3398 or email PearlHarbor@asymc-ahi.org.

Troops to Teachers — This program directly supports military members who have chosen teaching as a career. Troops to Teachers provides direct resource support, including hiring, and it allows up to a \$10,000 bonus for teaching in high-needs schools. Call 586-4054, ext. 409.

Homeschoolers — Military families in Hawaii who homeschool can join the Oahu Military Homeschoolers Connection. Visit <https://sites.google.com/site/omh-cheschoolgroup> or groups.yahoo.com/group/OahuMilitary-HomeschoolersConnection.

Parent Participation Preschool — This program is for children ages 3-4, and it helps preschool children make a smooth transition into the structure of kindergarten.

Preschool days are 12-2 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Wheeler Armed Services YMCA, WAAF. Cost is \$40 per month. Call 624-5645.

Making the Grade — Students can cash in on the Exchange’s “You Made the Grade”

program, which recognizes above-average academic achievement. Qualifying students will receive a coupon booklet that includes free admission to an Exchange Reel Time Theater, as well as other coupons. Students must present a valid military ID and proof of an overall “B” or better average to their local Exchange.

Naval Aviation — Learn about naval aviation history in Hawaii, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., by appointment, Monday-Friday, or by appointment on Saturday and Sunday, at Building 1792, Midway Road, Kalaeloa Airport, Kapolei. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for keiki under 18. Visit www.nambarberspoint.org or call 682-3982.

Go Akamai — Commuters can now check real-time traffic data at www.GoAkamai.org, courtesy of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation and the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Transportation Services.

Travelers are encouraged to check www.GoAkamai.org before leaving work or home to more effectively plan their trips.

While GoAkamai.org is also available through the use of handheld devices, such as smart phones, drivers are cautioned that the use of these devices is illegal while driving.

worship Services

Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu.)

- AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
- FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
- HMR: Helemano Chapel
- MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
- SC: Soldiers’ Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services

- First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
- Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass

- Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
- Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF
- Sunday services:
 - 8:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
 - 11 a.m. at TAMC
- Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m.TAMC

Gospel Worship

- Sunday, noon. at MPC
- Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study

- Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
- Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
- Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

- Monday, 6 p.m. at PH (Bible Study)
- Friday, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8:15 a.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)

- Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex

Protestant Worship

- Sunday Services
 - 9 a.m. at FD, MPC and TAMC chapels
 - 9 a.m. at WAAF chapel, Lutheran/Episcopalian
 - 10 a.m. at HMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at AMR

Single Soldiers' Bible Study

- Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at SC; lunch is provided.

Worship Service

- Sunday, 6 p.m. at SC.

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater

Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to aafes.com under reeltime movie listing.



Act of Valor

(R)
Fri., April 6, 7 p.m.

Rio

PG
Sat, April 7, 4 p.m.

Wanderlust

(R)
Sat, April 7, 7 p.m.
Thurs., April 12, 7 p.m.

Furry Vengeance

(PG)
Sun., April 8, 2 p.m.

Act of Valor

(R)
Wed., April 11, 7 p.m.

Calendar abbreviations

8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division
ACS: Army Community Service
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan

AFTB: Army Family Team Building
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation
BCT: Brigade Combat Team
BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
Co.: Company
CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services

EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation
FRG: family readiness group
HMR: Helemano Military Reservation

IPC: Island Palm Communities
SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center
USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

558th MP Co. mentors students with physical fitness



Pfc. Argee Rivera, 558th MP Co., 728th MP Bn., 8th MP Bde, 8th TSC, performs a long jump with a student from Waialua Elementary School during the School’s Fun Run, March 28. The school uses events like the Fun Run to raise money for the school and to emphasize physical fitness.

The relationship between the 8th STB and Waialua is part of U.S. Army-Hawaii’s Partnership of Ohana Community Relations Program to get Soldiers more involved in the communities that support them.

Story and Photo by
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8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

WAIALUA — Donned in the Army physical training uniform, Soldiers from the 558th Military Police Company, 728th MP Battalion, 8th MP Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, raced Waialua Elementary School students during the school’s Fun Run, here, March 28.

The event helped raise funds for a better school campus and taught children the importance of physical fitness.

With a large percentage of students on subsidized school lunches and the school lacking the funds to hire a physical education teacher, the Army’s commitment to the school, through the school partnership program, provides a solid rock that the school knows it can count on.

“The Soldiers make a large impact with the children here,” said Scott Moore, principal, Waialua Elementary School, adding that Soldiers give “the children role models.”

The influence of the Soldiers shows, not just on the faces of the children when running side by side with a real-life Soldier, but in the

classroom.

Moore hopes to continue the partnership between the 558th MP Co.

“It’s a special thing to have someone from the military to come here; it spurs them on and leaves a lasting memory of fun and fitness,” said Moore.

The first year the school partnered with the 558th MP Co., it won the Hawaii Blue Ribbon award through the Hawaii Distinguished Schools Program, which honors elementary and secondary schools that make significant progress in closing the achievement gap, or whose students achieve at the highest levels.

This year the school won the National Blue Ribbon Award, the highest academic award an economically disadvantaged school can receive.

As the Fun Run wore on, Soldiers who thought they would teach the kids physical fitness took a lesson in tenacity from their tiny counterparts as dozens of laps and jumps took their toll.

Though beads of sweat rolled off Soldiers’ faces, they were proud of helping the children.

“Being out there and motivating the kids and showing the local community we care is an unbeatable experience,” said Sgt. Chance Jackowski, 558th MP Co.

OANRP, IPC to host ‘Planet Earth’ movie night

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Oahu Army Natural Resources Program, or OANRP, and Island Palm Communities, or IPC, have teamed up

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Kimberly Welch
Oahu Army Natural Resources Program

to present one-of-a-kind movie nights taking place throughout Earth Month.

Prior to dimming the lights for a featured showing of the Discovery Channel’s blockbuster series,

Planet Earth Movie Nights

Planet Earth Movie Nights will be held at Schofield Barracks and Aliamanu Military Reservation. Visit www.islandpalmcommunities.com/Go/EarthMonth for more information.

Planet Earth Showtimes

•3-4:30 p.m., April 18
Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks

•3-4:30 p.m., April 11 and 25
Aliamanu Community Center

“Planet Earth,” keiki will be asked to help “build” a forest as part of Natural Resources’ “Who is Caring for Our Hawaiian Forests?” challenge.

“This is just a fun way for kids to learn about forests unique to Hawaii,” said Kimberly Welch, OANRP. “They’ll learn about plants and animals found in the islands, understand how to identify threats to the environment and help find solutions to save Hawaiian forests.”

Following the activity, families will be treated to a showing of the “Planet Earth Forest” episode, which tells the story of seasonal forests and plant survival.

Forests cover vast expanses from Siberia to Tasmania and still remain largely unexplored. Infrared and low-light cameras peek into the lives of elusive woodland inhabitants, such as snub-nosed monkeys, amur leopards and Siberian tigers.

For families who have not seen “Planet Earth,” the series will amaze viewers with never-before-seen animal behaviors, startling views of locations captured by cameras for the first time and unprecedented high-definition production techniques.

Family members of all ages are sure to enjoy it.



OANRP and IPC will be showing the Discovery Channel’s “Planet Earth” TV series during Earth Month. The series celebrates the marvels of nature.

Garrison kicks off Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day with exhibits, activities and live entertainment, plus enjoy the annual Funfest with games, rides and inflatables from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., April 7, at Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks. Activities follow:

- 8:30-9:30 a.m., Enchanted Breakfast; purchase tickets at the Leisure Travel Office, Schofield Barracks, or call 655-9971.
- 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Fun Fest; features games, rides, inflatables and entertainment by School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration, and Skills Unlimited, or SKIES, and Travel Fair.
- 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Earth Day 2012; features exhibits from the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Coral Reef Initiative, Blue Planet Foundation, Solar City, Tetra Tech, Aqua Engineering, and the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Fun Fest photos with the Easter Bunny.



Schedule of events

- April 7, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Sills and Weyand fields, Schofield Barracks. Fun Fest and Earth Day Festival. Learn about environmental sustainability through interactive exhibits. Also, enjoy an enchanted character breakfast, live entertainment, travel fair, food, rides, games and Easter activities as part of Fun Fest. Call 656-3103 or 687-8313.
- April 7, 9-10 a.m., Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks, and April 28, 9-10 a.m., Fort Shafter Flats. Trash-Formation Art contest with entries submitted at the Earth Day Festivals. Find entry forms at Island Palm Communities’ centers, Sgt. Yano and Fort Shafter libraries, and online at www.IslandPalmCommunities.com.
- Art pieces must convey the message, “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” and be assembled from repurposed materials. Call 687-8313 or Sgt. Yano Library 655-8001.
- April 11, 10-11 a.m., Palm Circle gazebo, Fort Shafter. A historic tour of Palm Circle. Take a walking tour of this historic landmark with an architect who specializes in historic architecture. Call 655-9734 or 656-6790.
- April 11, 7-8:30 p.m., Barbers Point Coast Guard Station. Endangered species presentation for Scout Troop 126. Call 656-7741.
- April 12, 19, 26, 8-11 a.m., Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield, Fort Shafter. Greening Your Workspace event. Environmental teams will visit offices and motor pools to help make the workspaces “greener,” including setting up recycling containers, adjusting printer settings, and finding ways to conserve energy. Call 656-3085/3094.
- April 14, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Windward Mall Earth Day, Kaneohe. OANRP will be joining other conservation organizations with an exhibit focusing on Oahu’s endangered plants and animals and the support by the Army’s Natural Resources Program to protect these fragile treasures. Call 656-7741.
- April 18, 3-4:30 p.m., Kalakaua Community Center, 2535 Waianae

- Uka Ave., Schofield Barracks, and April 11, 25; 3-4:30 p.m., Aliamanu Community Center, 182 Kauhini Rd. Participate in the interactive “Who is caring for our Hawaiian Forests?” followed by the Discovery Channel’s “Planet Earth.” Call 687-8313.
- April 18, 3-4 p.m., Aliamanu Community Center. I Got the Power Game Show, sponsored by Island Palm Communities. The first 40 residents who sign-up for this live game show on the day of the event will compete in a physical challenge elimination round, then test their knowledge of energy conservation and U.S. Army utility program. All contestants will receive a complimentary “mahalo” gift; the winner will receive \$100. Call 687-8313.
- April 18 and 25, 10:30-11 a.m., Schofield Barracks. Tour Hale Kula Elementary School. Learn about the school’s Sustainable Outdoor Classroom through student-led tours of the working garden, rainwater harvesting system and native plant gardens. Call 656-3086.
- April 18 and 25, 2-3 p.m.,

- Brostrom Community Center, Fort Shafter. Storm drain marker emplacement. Soldier-supported activity to mark storm drains with the important pollution prevention messages. Call 656-3086.
- April 19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Bioretention/Rain Garden Clean-up, Building 766 parking lot, Schofield Barracks. Bio-retention and rain garden clean-up with 70th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command. Soldier-supported cleanup to maintain water quality improvement bioretention feature that treats storm water runoff from the parking lot. Call 656-3086.
- April 20, various times/locations, the Amazing Tree Race. Celebration of the national observance of Arbor Day tree planting will take place on four installations: 10 a.m. Fort Shafter; noon, Aliamanu; 2 p.m., Helemano; and 4 p.m., Wheeler Army Airfield. Tree-planting ceremonies are the first step in attaining Tree City USA recognition for each installation. Call 687-8313.
- April 21, 7:30 a.m.-noon, Mauka to Makai Bike Path Cleanup. Meet at Blaisdell Park in Honolulu to assist in the clean-up of the Bike Path that stretches from Pearl Harbor to Waipahu. Call 438-1600, ext. 3307.
- April 22, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Kahana-haiki, Makua Military Reservation.

Volunteer service trip to clean out invasive weeds for two hours along a moderately challenging trail. Hike will include a detour to view Makua Valley and leeward coast. Volunteer application must be received at Oahu Army Natural Resource Program at least two weeks prior to the event. Minimum age 14. Call 656-7741.

- April 24, time/specific motor pool to be determined. Live demonstration of bio-based “green” products. Call 656-3103.

Specialist has Olympic-sized boxing goals

Story and Photos
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KAPOLEI — Not all garages are created equally. Amidst the discarded computer monitors and garden hoses in this garage, two silhouettes can be seen fighting. One silhouette belongs to Coach Al Kekuawela and the other to his star pupil Fallon Farrar. Farrar is a specialist assigned to the 71st Chemical Company, 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, and she is also the armed forces female boxing champ in the 165-pound weight class. Boxing isn't just a way to stay in shape for Farrar. It's a passion. "My dad makes me want to box," Farrar said. "Dad has always been my number one fan." Farrar was born into a basketball family, but she didn't follow in her siblings' footsteps. "I tried basketball," she said, "and my mom tried to get me to do ballet, but boxing finally won." At the age of 16, Farrar began her career in boxing at a local New Jersey gym. A track scholarship led her to a small school in Kansas. From there, a yearning to do something important in her life led her to the Army. A fortunate meeting at one of Oahu's



Fallon Farrar, a specialist assigned to the 71st Chemical Co., 8th MP Bde, 8th TSC, hits the heavy bag in Coach Al Kekuawela's garage, in Kapolei, March 15. Farrar is the armed forces female boxing champ in the 165-pound weight class.

boxing gyms led her to Coach Al. As Farrar's jab cuts the air and her head bobs dodging invisible punches during a shadowboxing drill, her feet are the workhorses, never touching the same spot twice in Coach Al's garage. Maybe her mom's insistence for ballet was a blessing in disguise because instantly an observer can notice there's more to her boxing than just jab and knockouts. "Boxing is a game of chess," said Kekuawela, "and Farrar is the check-

mate." The sport of boxing is divided into short rounds of two minutes. The rounds are scored on the technical ability of the fighters on a scale of one to 10. Farrar won her first round to become the armed forces champion with the score of 10-2. Farrar immediately called Coach Al with a simple, "We did it coach." "Intelligence, power, and ring smarts is what sets Farrar apart from the rest of the competition,"

Kekuawela said. A powerful combination, Farrar wants to take the next step, the Olympics. Later this year, Farrar will train at the Army's Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., where she can pursue her dream of Olympic gold. This dream, Coach Al bittersweetly jokes, will push Farrar past his little garage in Kapolei. Farrar replies emphatically, "I'll be back next year and you'll still be my coach."

Easter Happenings

- April 7, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Wahiawa Shopping Center and Wahiawa Town Center. Easter Festival of Fun. Free Easter egg hunts every 15 minutes starting at 11 a.m., while supplies last. Free train rides, photos with the Easter bunny for the keiki (bring your camera). Visit www.wahiawashoppingcenter.com.
- April 7, 10 a.m.-noon; Kapolei Commons. Easter event includes egg hunt at 10:30 a.m. on the lawn with more than 2,000 prize-filled eggs for keiki 1-12 years of age, plus free photos with the Easter bunny, face painting, balloon animals and coloring contest. Visit www.thekapoleicommons.com.
- April 7, 10 a.m.-noon, Windward Mall. Easter bunny arrival; celebration includes arts and crafts and goodie bags to the first 100 keiki. April 7-8, mall hours, "Bunnyland" display with bunnies, chicks, pot-bellied pigs and guinea pigs.
- April 7, 4 p.m.; the Hideaway Club, U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point. Easter-themed Pacific Roller Derby fundraiser scrimmage. Admission is \$5 with a clothing donation to benefit Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Keiki 12 and under free. Email pacificrollerderby@gmail.com.
- April 8, IPC housing areas. BOSS Easter Egg Hide. Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, will hide Easter eggs in yards before sunrise on Easter. Register now while supplies last. Cost is \$4 for eight eggs; Blue Star Card families, \$3 for eight. Eggs will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 655-1130/5698.
- April 8, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Fort Shafter Hale Ikena and Schofield Barracks Nehelani, Easter Brunch. Call Hale Ikena at 438-1974 and Nehelani at 655-4466 for reservations.
- April 8, 9 a.m., Bellows Air Force Station. Easter egg hunt, following 6 a.m. sunrise service and continental breakfast.

A HOPPING GOOD TIME



2nd Lt. Rima Tonkunas | 311th Signal Command (Theater)

FORT DERUSSY — The Easter Bunny, portrayed by 1st Sgt. Martin Jenkins, 311th Signal Command (Theater), poses with Elianah, 4, daughter of Sgt. 1st Kenneth Saxon, 311th Sig. Cmd. The unit's family readiness group sponsored the Easter party for it's family members, here, Saturday.

Holy Week, Easter Services

The U.S. Army Hawaii community is invited to attend various Easter celebrations now through April 8. The U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Religious Support Office offers services in north and south Oahu areas.

- April 6**
6 p.m., MPC, The 7 Last Sayings of Christ (Gospel Service)
6 p.m., WAAF, Good Friday Service (Lutheran/Episcopal)
7 p.m., AMR, Good Fri-

day Service (Catholic)
7 p.m., FD, Good Friday Service (Protestant)

- April 7**
5 p.m., WAAF, Mass (Canceled)
7 p.m., MPC, Easter Vigil

- April 8**
5:45 a.m., Fort Hase Beach, MCBH Easter Sunrise Service, 257-1511
6 a.m., National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Easter Sunrise Service with Royal Hawaiian Band and Central Union Church Youth Choir. Gates open at 4 a.m.; call 262-2797.
6 a.m., Bellows Air Force Station, Easter Sunrise Ser-

vice, continental breakfast to follow
6:30 a.m., Battleship Missouri Memorial, Joint Services Easter Sunrise Service
6:30 a.m., MPC, Easter Sunrise Service
10:30 a.m., MPC, Easter Mass

Legend
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation
FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
MCBH: Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay
MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
SC: Soldiers Chapel, Schofield Barracks
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Passover Services

All regularly scheduled services will be conducted at their normal time.

- April 6**
5 p.m., Hale Koa Hotel,

Seder meal. Cost is free for military and family members, E-1 thru E-5; \$35 per person for active duty E-6 and above and family members; \$65 for civilians. Parking is \$3 validated, at the parking garage across the street. Contact Brian Field, 348-4560, BombGuy@hotmail.com.

- April 7**
7 p.m., Ala Moana Hotel. Passover observance. Cost is \$60 per person; \$45 for keiki, if paid by March 31; \$75 per person, \$55 children after March 31. Free parking in the Ala Moana mall parking lot.
Call Paul Krasnjansky, 735-8161.

Window safety measures offered

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Windows play a vital role in home safety, serving as a secondary escape route in the event of a fire or other emergency. They can also pose a safety risk if certain safety measures are not followed. Take some time to promote window safety awareness with all your family members. Talk to them about the importance of using windows in an emergency, as well as the risk of falls from windows. Also, take the time to walk through your home to ensure that areas around all windows are clear of items that can be used as a climbing aid. When it comes to window safety, there's no substitute for the adult supervision of children. Some safety measures can also mitigate risks. Below are tips from the National Safety Council to help your family understand the important role of windows as an escape — and their risks. •Windows can serve as emergency escape routes. Every family member should know how to operate windows used for fire emergencies. Delays in escaping from a fire cost lives and increase injuries. Often, paint, dirt or weathering can seal a window shut. Make sure your windows open easily from the inside and are not blocked by furniture or other objects. •Doors serve as the primary exits. Windows provide a secondary means of escape from a burning home or for other emergencies. Determine your family's emergency escape plan and practice it. Remember that children may have to rely on a window escape in a fire situation. Help them learn to safely use a window in these circumstances.

Window Safety

Preventing falls from windows is as important as learning how to use one in an emergency. Unattended children run the greatest risk of falls and injuries, so the best first step is to carefully watch your children as they play. Nothing can substitute for careful supervision. If you need ventilation, open only those windows that children cannot reach. Be sure to keep furniture, or anything children can climb on, away from windows. Teach your children not to play near windows, and keep your windows closed and locked when children are around. Finally, set and enforce rules about keeping children's play away from windows or patio doors because falling through the glass can cause serious injury or result in a fatality. Never depend on insect screens to prevent falls. Insect screens are designed to provide ventilation. They will not hold a child's weight against them.

Window Safety
Find more window safety tips at

•www.IslandPalm-Communities.com/Go/Windows.

